Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളതു ചിലപ്പോൾ ഡാക്ടർ നോക്കിയാലും കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചില്ലെന്നുവരാം.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether these are the only considerations that weigh with the Government in the matter of giving extension to subordinates, I mean the physical and mental conditions ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: They are the main considerations in the case of the ministerial staff.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there are any other considerations ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That depends upon each individual case.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether several clerks in the Judicial Department were not given extension for more than two years ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N Kunjan Pillai: Probably, I have no information.

Extension of service to certain clerks of the High Court.

43. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether extension of service has been granted to Messrs. Krishna Pillai, Head Clerk, High Court, Bhaskaran Moothathu and Krishna Kurup ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) They are physically and mentally fit to continue in service.

General Trading Company and the Ophthalmic Hospital authorities.

44. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the General Trading Campany, Cantonment, Trivandrum has been permitted to advertise themselves as "Dispensers to the Ophthalmic Department of the State" ;

(*b*) whether a room has been placed at their disposal in the local Ophthalmic Hospital for holding their office and for stocking their goods for sale ;

(*c*) whether the Ophthalmic Hospital authorities insist on patients purchasing spectacles and other articles prescribed by them from the said company alone ;

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(*d*) whether the hospital authorities write out the prescription in the form printed in the name of the company and hand them over to the company's agent direct so that the patients are compelled to purchase the prescribed articles from the company ;

(*e*) whether any other firm has complained to Government against this practice, and, if so, what action has been taken by Government ; and

(*f*) whether the company has any special technical qualification for this preferential treatment shown by the hospital authorities ?

Mr. James Simpson (*Darbar Physician*) : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) The prescription forms of the General Trading Company as well as those of a few other firms have been occasionally used by the Medical Officers of the Hospital for writing out prescriptions, but such prescriptions are invariably handed over to the patients themselves and not to the agent or representative of any firm.

(*e*) Yes ; the matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*f*) No company is shown any preferential treatment by the hospital authorities.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With regard to answer to part (*d*) may I know whether any stationery is supplied to this department for writing ?

Mr. James Simpson : The supply was inadequate and therefore sometimes the prescription forms belonging to private compaines were used.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether the Darbar Physician is aware that this practice has lead to serious abuses ?

Mr. James Simpson : The Darbar Physicion has investigated the matter relating to this fact and he is assured that there is no hardship caused to any company by the use of these prescriptions ?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : In answer to part (*e*) what is the nature of the action taken by Government.

Mr. James Simpson : It is a complaint from a company competing with the General Trading Company and it is stated that the matter is under consideration with the Government.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : In what business is this company trading ?

Mr. James Simpson : I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Are they dealing only in furniture ?

Mr. James Simpson : I claim notice.

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Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know whether this practice is prevailing elsewhere ?

Mr. James Simpson : It is the considered opinion of the Darbar Physician that it should not take place in Government institutions and final orders of Government are awaited.

Contributions in aid of the Christian Colleges in India.

45. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the new Viceroy has made an appeal on 28-6-1936 for the contribution of one lakh of pounds in aid of the Christian Colleges in India ; and

(*b*) whether the Travancore Government have taken any action on the above request ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : (*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

In-patients in the Fort Hospital.

46. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether in-patients are admitted for treatment in the Fort Hospital, Trivandrum ;

(*b*) if so, whether doctors are posted in that hospital for night duty ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that, because no doctors are posted for night duty in the Fort Hospital, in-patients are put to serious hardship and trouble ?

Mr. James Simpson : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) As there are only six beds there is no need for a doctor to be on night duty. Emergencies occurring at night will be attended to by the Medical Officer on being intimated about the same by the subordinate on duty in the hospital.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know who is the subordinate officer posted for duty during night ?

Mr. James Simpson : It may be a warder or waterman or other menial. The Darbar Physician has received no complaint of inadequacy of attention during night.

Defalcation in the Science College.

47. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether in regard to the defalcation in the Science College, it was ordered that a sum of Rs. 10,730 chs. 3 cash 4 should be paid up ; and

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